

# **“Please tell us about the time you administered naloxone.”**

## **Maximizing data collection opportunities with challenging informants**

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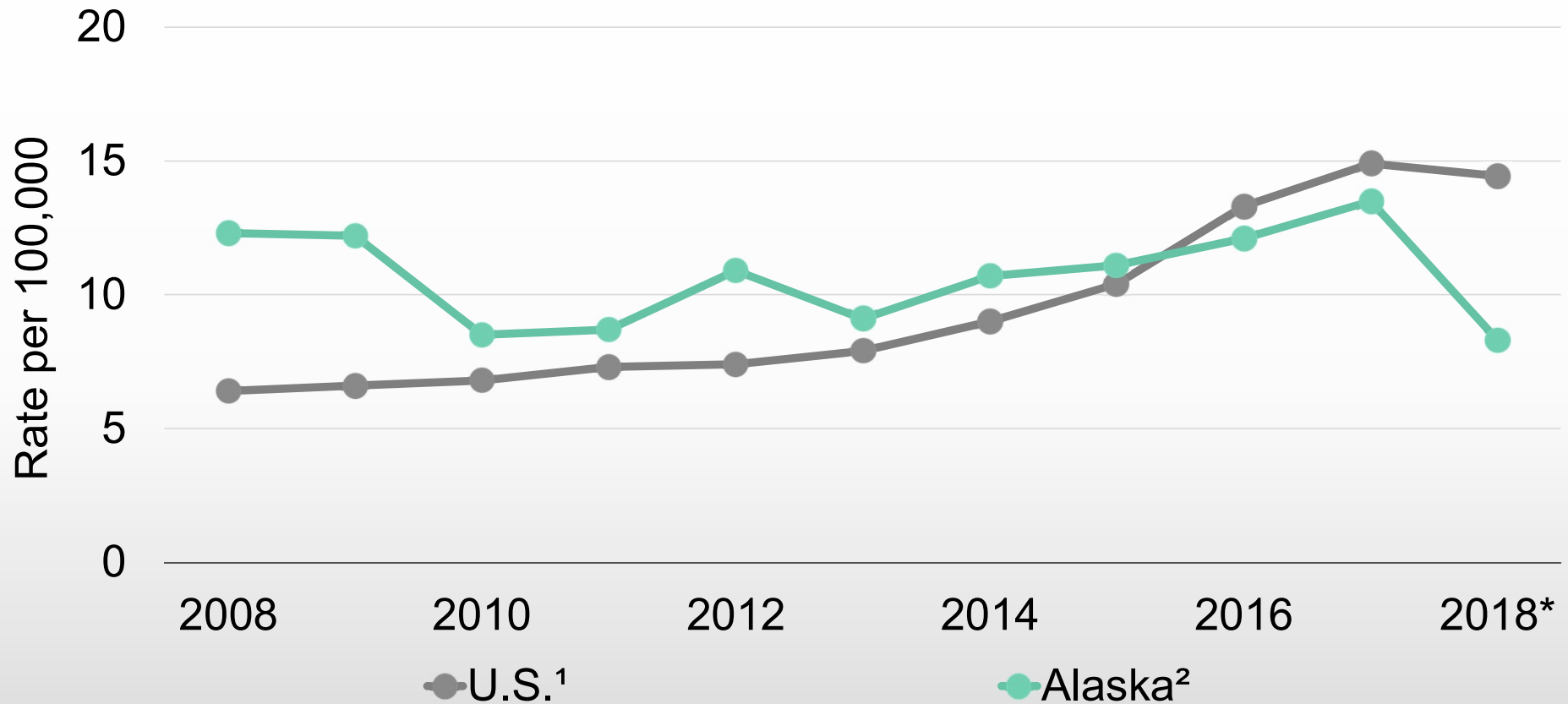
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## Opioid Overdose Deaths



1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Center for Health Statistics. \*2018 data preliminary

2. Alaska Division of Public Health; Health Analytics and Vital Records.

# Alaska's Project HOPE

- Naloxone distribution and opioid overdose prevention education program in Alaska.
- Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that temporarily reverses an opioid overdose
- Participating community organizations provide brief training and distribute rescue kits to the public and to professionals
- Evaluation seeks feedback from people who received and/or used naloxone



# Data Collection Activities

- Surveys
  - Pre/post training
  - “Report back” after administration
- Key informant interviews
  - With people who had administered
  - Peers of individuals at high risk of overdose
- Recruit and facilitate participation of a challenging group of stakeholders about sensitive circumstances

# Challenges & Successes

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## Surveys:

- Technology
  - Limits
  - Assists
- Burden on staff/volunteers
- Opportunity to share feedback
- Length/time





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I thought that it would be some long, drawn out training process but no, it wasn't. It was real short, real simple.



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...there's nowhere really to go other than [partner organization] that'll give it to you for free without having to have some appointment and just some long process that makes it difficult to follow through.



## Interviews:

- Logistics
  - Scheduling
  - Locations

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... if they sold it [naloxone] at a store...I would still rather go to the needle exchange just because of how helpful they are and because they have experience.



## Interviews:

- Logistics
  - Scheduling
  - Locations
- Compensation/Incentives
  - Useful and appropriate
  - Undue influence
- Interview dynamics
  - Participants' ability to persist to end of interview
  - Interviewers' skill in redirecting
- Safety considerations

## Lessons

- Respect and beneficence for this group of stakeholders
  - They want to share their experiences
  - Use and give back results
- Flexibility... with limits
- Team skills
  - And debrief



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It's a frightening situation  
but [naloxone] has always  
worked for me. It hasn't  
failed me yet.





**Thank you!**

**Questions?**

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